

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-5 and 8-13 have been amended to correct typographical errors and to incorporate language more conventional in U.S. patent practice. Claim 7 has been canceled. No new matter has been added

The Office Action dated January 8, 2008 asserts that the pending claims are directed to nine inventions or groups of inventions and requires an election among the following nine Groups of claims:

Group I: claims 1-7, 9, and 11, drawn to compounds and pharmaceutical compositions of the formula I wherein X is CH<sub>2</sub>.

Group II: claims 1-7, 9, and 11, drawn to compounds and pharmaceutical compositions of the formula I wherein X is N.

Group III: claims 1-7, 9, and 11, drawn to compounds and pharmaceutical compositions of the formula I wherein X is S or O.

Group IV: claims 10 and 14, drawn to the processes of making compounds wherein X is CH<sub>2</sub>.

Group V: claims 10 and 14, drawn to the processes of making compounds wherein X is N.

Group VI: claims 10 and 14, drawn to the processes of making compounds wherein X is S or O.

Group VII: claims 8 and 13 drawn to the methods of treatment using compounds wherein X is CH<sub>2</sub>.

Group VIII: claims 8 and 13 drawn to the methods of treatment using compounds wherein X is N.

Group IX: claims 8 and 13 drawn to the methods of treatment using compounds wherein X is S or O.

The Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group III for prosecution. In electing Group III, the Office has further requested an election of a single disclosed species. To that end, the Applicants hereby elect the species of compound 6, depicted in Table I on page 31 of the as-filed specification. Claims 1-7, 9, and 11 read on the elected species. It is Applicants'

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understanding that this species election is being made to aid the Examiner in conducting a search and examination of the claimed subject matter, and is not to be construed as limiting the scope of Applicants' claims. It is also Applicants' understanding that if the elected species is found to be allowable over the prior art, the search and examination will be expanded to cover other species, until it includes the full scope of the generic claims included in the elected group.

An early and favorable examination of these claims on the merits is respectfully requested.

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